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This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of two months to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2003.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a two months extension of time is \$420.00. Please charge this fee and any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account Number 16-1885.

A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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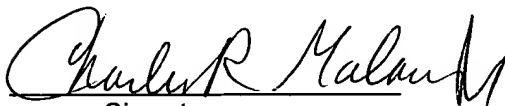
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